



## ADIRONDACK REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: Docket No. 15-149

The Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce offers its strong support of Charter's proposed merger with Time Warner Cable (TWC) and Bright House Networks (BHN).

The Adirondack Regional Chamber, representing over 1,000 businesses in Warren and Washington counties in upstate New York, has demonstrated a long history of advocating for enterprises in our region which create new opportunities, employment and an enhanced quality of life for businesses, residents and visitors alike. The proposed merger of these companies would provide for a new entity (New Charter) who has committed to invest heavily in our region's infrastructure. Additionally, it has committed to building out one million line extensions of its networks into residential areas within its footprint beyond where it currently operates, including our region of New York. These new facilities would help provide high-speed service to rural and other underserved areas. New Charter plans to also invest at least \$2.5 billion in the building-out of networks into commercial areas, creating additional, much-needed competition in the commercial sector, vital to our continued economic growth in the region.

In addition, New Charter offers a minimum broadband speed of 60 Mbps for less money than comparable offerings with straightforward, uniform pricing across its service area and without any data caps, usage-based pricing, modem fees, or early termination fees. They have committed to offering this fast minimum broadband to TWC and BHN customers regardless of location. This will benefit both our residential and commercial sectors and help to improve our local economy.

To that end, it is the sincere hope of the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce that this proposed merger is given all possible consideration and favorable findings. We urge your ratification as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Peter L. Aust  
President & CEO



### ARE YOU IN?

The Chamber is the leading voice of business in the region, New York's Warren, Washington and northern Saratoga Counties. We are committed to providing exceptional value, without exception, to all Chamber members and area visitors.